of Hindustan Geigy (CIBA) which resulted in the emission of toxic chemicals in the atmosphere;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take avert Bhopal type of tragedy as this plant is situated amidst a residential area; and

(c) whether Government will direct the company to shift this unit away from the residential area?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (c) As per the information available, there was no explosion of boiler tank at Hindustan Geigy (CIBA) factory at Goa. However, the company has informed that a rupture disc on one of the evaporating vessels, relieved the pressure from the vessel and part of the product was discharged on the terrace of the manufacturing building via vent pipe provided for such eventualities. Neither the surrounding area was affected or contaminated nor any person injured or affected due to this incident.

Energy targets fixed under Seventh Plan for Andhra Pradesh

4558. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the energy targets fixed for Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the targets fixed for the first three years have been achieved; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the shortfall and whether the targets fixed for the Seventh Five Year Plan are likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) A target of commissioning a power generating capacity of 838.5 MW was fixed for Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Andhra Pradesh

4559. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons in the waiting lists for the LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh, especially in Hyderabad city area as on the 31th June, 1988;

(b) by when the list is likely to be cleared;

(c) how many cities/towns are covered under the LPG distribution scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) by when all the cities/towns are likely to be covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) As on June 30, 1988, there were about

52,203 and 4,703 persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh and Hyderabad districts respectively;

(b) Release of LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including in Andhra Pradesh, in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to augmentation in availability of LPG;

(c) The oil industry has introduced LPG facility in 155 towns/cities of Andhra Pradesh till June 30, 1988;

(d) Upto the LPG Marketing Plan 1988-89, the oil industry has planned to provide LPG facility in 24 more towns/cities in Andhra Pradesh through 37 new LPG distributors. Further, the oil industry is normally-taking up, in a phased manner, for LPG distribution locations in the country, including in Andhra Pradesh, with population of around 20,000 and above (as per 1981 census) which offer sufficient potential for viable marketing of LPG.

Imports by the Department of Telecommunications

4561. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether global tenders which are floated by the Department are not advertised in the Indian newspapers thus depriving the opportunity to the Indian suppliers;

(b) how many times global tenders have been issued in 1988 and not advertised in the Indian newspapers and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Department and its undertakings can seek major supplies exceeding five crores of rupees in value from abroad without tenders;

(d) what is the maximum value limit for purchase orders on foreign suppliers without tenders; and

(e) what are the reasons for untendered purchases from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. All global tenders are advertised in Indian journals.

(b) Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No separate limit has been prescribed to procure items proprietary in nature.

(e) Untendered purchases from abroad are done only in the case of proprietary items e.g. Spares and items required for expanding the originally imported equipment.

Production Targets of Petroleum and Natural Gas in Andhra Pradesh

4561. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the